

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A buoyancy device comprising a central portion for forming a rear buoyancy area
5 interconnected to a pair of lateral portions each forming an under arm buoyancy area by a pair of front portion forming front buoyancy areas, each of said pair of front portions connecting its adjacent lateral portion to said central portion, said central portion and said pairs of front and lateral portions forming a simulated W-shape when viewed in a plan view.
- 10 2. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 1 wherein said pair of front portions diverge relative to each other from said central portion outward to their respective adjacent lateral portions.
3. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 1 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a body encircling belt means and first connecting means for releasably
15 connecting said front buoyancy areas to said to said belt means to hold said front buoyancy areas in position on a user.
4. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 1 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises second connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said belt means to hold said rear buoyancy area in position on a user.
- 20 5. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 3 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises second connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said belt means to hold said rear buoyancy area in position on a user.
6. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 1 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises third connecting means for releasably connecting adjacent portions of said pair
25 front buoyancy areas together.
7. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 3 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises third connecting means for releasably connecting adjacent portions of said pair front buoyancy areas together.

8. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 4 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises third connecting means for releasably connecting adjacent portions of said pair front buoyancy areas together.

5 9. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 5 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises third connecting means for releasably connecting adjacent portions of said pair front buoyancy areas together.

10 10. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 1 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.

11. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 3 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.

15 12. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 4 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.

20 13. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 5 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.

25 14. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 6 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.

30 15. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 7 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.

16. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 8 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.
- 5 17. A buoyancy device as defined in claim 9 wherein said buoyancy device further comprises a fourth connecting means for releasably connecting said central portion to said to said lateral buoyancy areas to hold said rear buoyancy area to said lateral buoyancy areas.